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Case No. 8285/238-1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Maropis et al.

Serial No: 09/417,266

Examiner: R. Foster

Filed: October 12, 1999

Group Art Unit: 2645

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PROVIDING PRE-PAID LOCAL
TELEPHONE SERVICES

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 CFR § 1.114)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114.



Applicant is:



a small entity, verified statement is:



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already filed



other than small entity

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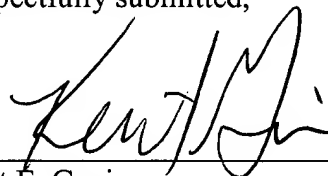


The fee set forth in § 1.17(e) must be filed along with this request:

- ☒ Attached is a check for the § 1.17(e) fee.
- ☐ Charge the § 1.17(e) fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.
A duplicate copy of this request is attached.
- ☒ A submission must be filed along with this request. The following submission(s) is(are) filed herewith:
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings
- ☐ New Arguments and/or New Evidence in Support of Patentability
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ A petition and fee for an extension of the time is enclosed herewith.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the additional claims fee is enclosed.
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Dated: September 2, 2003

Respectfully submitted,



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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 8285/238-1
Serial No. 09/417,266	Filing Date October 12, 1999	Examiner R. Foster	Group Art Unit 2645
Inventor(s) Maropis et al.			
Title of Invention Method And Apparatus For Providing Pre-Paid Local Telephone Services			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Checks for \$130.00 (Petition Fee) and \$750.00 (RCE Fee); Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c) For Withdrawal Of Application From Issue; Request for Continued Examination (in duplicate); Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; PTO Form 1449; One Copy of Reference E1.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a _____ month extension of time.
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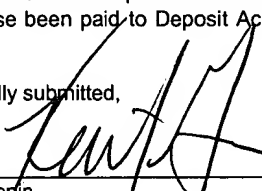
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Small Entity	
Rate	Add'l Fee
x \$9=	
x 42=	
+\$140=	
Total add'l fee	\$

Other Than Small Entity	
Rate	Add'l Fee
x \$18=	
x \$84=	
+\$280=	
Total add'l fee	\$

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Respectfully submitted,


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